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Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed from the PTO on August 3, 2005. An Amendment After Final was transmitted to the PTO within two months from the mailing of the Final Office Action, and a Notice of Appeal was filed on August 23, 2005, that is, within a month

from the mailing of the Advisory Action. As the instant Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being submitted to the PTO within two months from the date of filing the Notice of Appeal, no extension fee is now due.

A request for payment by credit card of the fee of \$790 as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(e) accompanies this transmittal.


No additional fee should be required for the accompanying response. The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below.

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